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Genesis 6-9 : Noah and the Ark

Far from the childhood story of fluffy animals taking a boat ride two-by-two, the account of Noah and the Ark tells of one man's faithful obedience amidst an apocalyptic scene of judgment and redemption.

Scene 1: The Moral Wasteland
Genesis 6:5-7

Matthew 24:36-39

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Scene 2: The Faithful Hero
Genesis 6:8-7:5

Luke 18:8

"I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Scene 3: The Consuming Flood
Genesis 7:6-12

2 Peter 2:4-10

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.

Scene 4: The Eternal Promise
Genesis 8:15-9:16

Isaiah 54:9-10

*"To me this is like the days of Noah,
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again
cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be
angry with you, never to rebuke you again.
Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

Heroic Obedience

LIFE GROUP STUDY

RELATE

What is your favorite disaster movie?

When you hear the word “obedient,” what words or images come to mind first?

What principle, insight, or quote from the sermon was most meaningful to you?

READ

Genesis 6:5-7:5; 8:18-9:1

What had the human race become by the time of Noah? (6:5, 11-12)

How did the Lord feel about this, and what did He decide to do? Does this mean God had made a mistake? (6:12)

How was Noah different from other humans at the time? (v. 8-9, 22. 7:5)

What do you think Noah’s life was like as the only righteous God-follower?

Have you ever been in a situation in which you were one of the few people trying to do the right thing? What was that like? Why didn’t you just “join the crowd?”

Can you imagine the story of Noah and the flood being made into a movie with Bruce Willis or Harrison Ford as the lead? How is obedience heroic?

What were the results of Noah’s obedience? (8:18-9:1)

Have you ever obeyed God even when it didn’t make sense to you to do what He asked? What happened as a result?

How would you compare our world today with the world in Noah’s day?

Do you think your obedience to God makes a difference in the world?

How have you seen the obedience of Jesus followers make a difference?

REFLECT

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RESPOND

Think about it: Is there a command of God that you have resisted obeying? Are you aware of something God has asked you to do that you have not yet done? What will you do about this? Share your decision with someone you trust that will help you make it right.

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